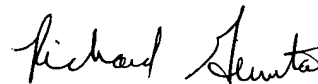


recent Office Action. The new IDS is being filed prior to a final action or a Notice of Allowance, such that consideration of the IDS under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c)(2) will merely require the payment of the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p). Thus, in the event that this Petition is denied with respect to the IDS filed July 31, 1998, it is respectfully requested that the IDS filed on even date herewith be considered, and that the fee under §1.17(p) be charged to deposit account no. 23/2825 of the undersigned.

Any questions concerning the foregoing may be directed to undersigned at the number listed below. Please charge any fee occasioned by the filing of this Petition, or any of the accompanying papers to the account of the undersigned, deposit account no. 23/2825.

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The undersigned hereby certifies that this document is being placed in the United States mail with first-class postage attached, addressed to Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on May 12, 2000.

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STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO THE DUTY OF
DISCLOSURE UNDER 37 CFR §§1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicants request consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed more than three months after the filing date of this application and after the mailing date of the first Office Action, but before the mailing date of either a final action under 37 C.F.R. §1.113 or a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. §1.311. If the accompanying Petition is denied, please charge the fee for the filing of this IDS to deposit account no. 23/2825.

Information Cited

The Applicants hereby make of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

The Applicants hereby make the following additional information of record in the above-identified application:

Remarks

A copy of each of the above-identified information is enclosed unless otherwise indicated on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
3. The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicants make no representation that a search has been performed, of the extent of any search performed, or that more relevant information does not exist.

By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicants make no representation that the information cited in the Statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b).

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Several references have been provided that are not in the English language. The relevance of these reference is shown in the figures. Applicants had obtained translations for several of these references during the prosecution of other patent applications. The available translations have

been provided. Thus, the fact that a translation has been provided does not in any way indicate that that reference was found to be more relevant than any other reference.

Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicants, the Examiner is urged to form his own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

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